Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, December 15, 1884.

The City Council met in the City Hall. Present—Mayor Hyman (in the chair), Aldermen Becher, Stringer, Hewitt, Skinner, Cowan, O'Meara, Birrell, Labatt, Niven, Beattie and Scarrow.

Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

COMMUNICATIONS READ.

From Walter J. Smith, Anson Paul, G. G. Magee, Ellen Fletcher, Elizabeth Kennedy, John Christie, W. F. Bullen, Mrs. Davidson, T. H. Brunton, T. Barlow, Dr. Soper, J. Parke, G. W. Marsh, W. A. Smith, Enoch Murphy, John Parke, Joshua Garrett, James Harding, George Orchard, Harriet May, and Andrew Fletcher.—*Re* taxes. No. 1.

From Alex. McIntosh, J. H. Belton, R. A. Wallace and Dr. Eccles.—*Re* Sewer Rate. No. 1.

From Dr. Jones—*Re* poor patient. No. 3.

From Charles R. Colville—*Re* street watering. No. 1.

From Francis Robinson—Stating his inability to act as returning officer for the second division of No. 3 Ward. No. 1.

From John Scanlan—Offering his farm, north half of lot No. 9, concession "C" of London Gore, for exhibition purposes—40 acres for $400 per acre, and any further land at $300 per acre. No. 1.

From D. H. Tennant—Complaining of a defective sidewalk on Queen's avenue, and claiming damages for an accident caused by the same. No. 2.

From Philip Hoskin—Calling attention to the condition of the road at the corner of Maitland and South streets, and asking that the same be repaired. No. 2.

From W. E. Hiscott—Asking for remission of the fee charged for use of the City Hall at the McGregor benefit concert. Granted.

From James Kennedy and six others—Asking that the tile drain to be constructed from Horton to Wellington be connected with the Wellington street sewer; also praying that the tile drain be not constructed from Clarence to Richmond, on Gray street. No. 2.

From the Women's Christian Association—Asking for a grant towards the purposes of the society. No. 1.

From Isaiah Danks, Secretary of the Water-works, submitting estimate of water mains requiring to be laid to complete the system, and asking the Council to take into consideration the advisability of providing funds for those which will be soonest required. No. 1.

From the Bradstreet Co., asking for certain information. Clerk.

From Prof. Box Brown, for use of the City Hall, on December 23rd, on payment of $5. Granted for such day as it may not be engaged.

From J. Harwood—*Re* dog tax. No. 1.

NO. 2 COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

By Ald. Hewitt, Chairman:—

1.—Recommend that the word "American," be struck out of the resolution passed by your committee on 1st November last.

2.—That in future contractors for tile sewers may not be debarred from using Canadian, the tile piping to be inspected and approved by the City Engineer before being laid.

3.—A petition from the Molecular Telephone Co., of Canada, to put down poles, is referred to the Council.

On motion, the report was taken up clause by clause.

Clause 1 and 2, read and adopted.

On clause 3, read.

A communication from the Moleculer Telephone Company was read.

Ald. Beattie moved that the matter be referred back to No. 2 Committee with power; Ald. Hewitt seconded.

Upon motion, a deputation was heard on behalf of the Company, and also from the Bell Telephone Company.

Mr. George Dutton explained the intentions of the Molecular Company.

Mr. Throop, on behalf of the Bell Company, stated that they did not object to the putting up of the poles, but did not want them on the same side of the street as their wires or to cross under them.

In amendment, Ald. Birrell then moved that the desired permission be granted, and that the matter of arranging the details be referred to No. 2 Committee. Ald. Skinner seconded.

In further amendment, Ald. Stringer moved, seconded by Ald. Niven, that the application be granted on condition that in the event of the Molecular Company amalgamating with any telephone company, they agree to remove all poles they may have put down, and to forfeit their bonds given to the corporation.

This was lost, and the amendment of Ald. Birrell was carried.

Clause 3 passed, and the report was adopted.

NO. 1 COMMITTEE REPORT.

By Ald. Birrell, Chairman :—

1.—Your Committee having examined the following accounts and finding them correct, recommend the same same for payment:—

NO. 3 COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

Hospital—		
Pay Sheet	$ 117 84	
W. T. Strong	69 38	
J. Broadbent	188 34	
Plastow Bros.	16 13	
Thos Brock	34 77	
J. Ranahan	46 70	
W. Dodson	106 37	
Tytler & Bullen	137 43	
Bowman & Co	119 08	
Samuel Cooper	86 00	$ 922 04
Street Lighting—		
Wm. Ironside		166
Fire Department—		
Bowman & Co	58 58	
Jas. Wright & Co	4 82	63 4
Market—		
John Bonser		12 90
		$1,165 29

NO. 2 COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

Streets—		
Pay Sheets	56 27	
Ferguson & Bros	31 71	
J. McConnell	4 70	92 68
City Hall—		
Pay Sheets	7 00	
Ferguson Bros	1 82	
J. McConnell	1 95	
R. Mawhinney	10 00	20 77
City Parks—		
Pay Sheets	1 00	
Ferguson Bros	39 53	
R. Spungett	18 64	
J. McConnell	13 35	
		72 52
Market—		
Pay Sheet	10 32	
J. McConnell	1 35	
		11 67
Exhibition Grounds—		
J. McConnell		10
Richmond Street Sewer—		
Pay Sheet	8 75	
		$ 206 49
Total accounts		$1 371 78

2.—That the petition of D. McPhail be granted by reducing income tax to $2.80

3.—That the petition of David Carter for remission of dog tax be granted.

4.—That the petition of D. Lavine be granted by accepting the sum of $25 in settlement of his income tax and the personal property of Ezra Korminsky.

5.—That the petition of H. Diprose be granted by a reduction of 80 cents on the sewer rate on the north side of South street, and the sum of $348 sewer rate on Hill street be struck off.

6.—That the petition of Mrs. A. Turnbull for remission of her late husband's income tax be granted.

7.—That the petition of Mrs. Crosbie be granted by allowing $1 error claimed.

8.—That the petition of J. W. Thorpe, T. Harrison, Mrs. Kernahan, Evans Bros. and W. Watson be filed.

9.—Your committee beg to report progress in the petitions of Mrs. Starr, H. Thompson, W. R. Thompson, Alex. Gunn, Jane Adams, Sarah Leonard, Margaret Vincent, W. Crittle, Rev. T. E. Johnson, T. H. Galpin and Misses Webster.

10.—Your committee beg to submit the Police Court Clerk's report for November.

11.—That the petition of T. Blackwell re error on assessment be granted and that the sum of $28 proved to be an error be struck off 1884 taxes.

The report was adopted.

THE G. T. R. CAR SHOPS.

Ald Stringer moved that the special committee on amalgamation be instructed to ascertain if a suitable site can be procured within the limits of the city for the erection of the Grand Trunk Car Shops, and report at next meeting, if possible.

Mayor Hyman said this would be a notice of motion unless the Council ordered otherwise.

On motion of Ald. Becher, seconded by Ald. Birrell, the 27th rule of order was suspended.

LONDON EAST'S LOST CHANCE.

Ald. Becher moved, that the Council of London East, having declined to pass the required resolution to allow submission to the ratepayers of the question of annexation to the city, the offer made to the Council of London East, by resolution of this Council, passed on the 5th inst., be withdrawn, and the special committee on amalgamation be relieved from further duties in the matter.

In amendment, Ald. Scarrow moved that the resolution be read a second time at next meeting. Ald. Stringer seconded.

The amendment was lost and the original motion carried, only Ald. Scarrow and Stringer voting for the amendment.

THE CAR SHOPS.

Ald. Stringer moved that No. 1 Committee be instructed to ascertain if a suitable site can be procured inside the city limits for the G. T. R. car shops, and to report to this Council if possible at its next meeting. Ald. Skinner seconded.

The resolution was passed.

RETURNING THE ROLLS.

Ald. Birrell moved that the time for the return of the rolls for 1884 be extended to

February 15th. Ald. Becher seconded. Carried.

CLEARING THE SEWERS.

Ald. Cowan moved, seconded by Ald. O'Meara, that the City Engineer be instructed to make a thorough inspection of all sewers, especially all trunk sewers, with a view to having the obstructions removed and report at next meeting. Carried.

Ald. Scarrow moved, seconded by Ald. Cowan, that the clerk petition the Board of Agriculture to hold the Provincial Fair for 1885 in this City, and that Ald. Cowan and Skinner proceed to Guelph to urge the matter on the Provincial Board.

Carried.

The Council adjourned till the 12th of January next.